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Examiner: Sharareh, S.

For: GAS OR AIR FILLED POLYMERIC MICROBALLOONS

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November 29, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Official Action of October 24, 2001, paper no. 6, and the requirements for restriction and election of species required in it, applicants elect Group III, that is claims 32-50. This response is made without traverse.

The elected species includes a biodegradable polylactide/glyclide or polypeptide polymer membrane and the elected filler is air and freon. Claims 32-36 and 39-44 read on the elected subject matter.

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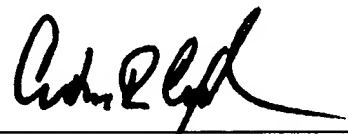
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When examining this application please take into account the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the original application papers on November 7, 2000. An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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